

EXHIBIT Q

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

CLRB HANSON INDUSTRIES, LLC,)	
etc., et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Case No.
)	05-03639 JW
GOOGLE, INC.,)	
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Defendant.)	
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30 (b) (6) DEPOSITION OF BRETT R. HANSON

August 18, 2006

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CLRB HANSON INDUSTRIES, LLC d/b/a
INDUSTRIAL PRINTING, and HOWARD
STERN, on behalf of themselves and
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GOOGLE, INC.,

Defendant.

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9:45 a.m.

30(b)(6) VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION

of CLRB HANSON INDUSTRIES d/b/a
INDUSTRIAL PRINTING by BRETT R. HANSON,
taken by Defendant, pursuant to notice,
held at the offices of Thacher Proffitt
& Wood, 2 World Financial Center, New
York, New York, before Amy E. Sikora,
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55428. And 4401 Quebec Avenue North, New
Hope, Minnesota 55428.

Q. And you understand that you're
here to testify as a representative of an
entity which is described as CLRB Hanson
Industries LLC d/b/a Industrial Printing?

A. Yes.

Q. And what is your relationship to
that entity?

A. I'm 100 percent owner, single
member.

Q. Okay. And is that entity a sole
proprietorship or some other type of entity?

A. It's a limited liability
corporation treated as disregarded entity as
a single member for tax consideration.

Q. And how long has that entity
been in existence?

A. September of 1992, I believe.
Excuse me, September of 2002, I believe.

Q. And there was an entity --

MR. BIDERMAN: Withdraw that.

Q. You, sir, also did business with
Google prior to September 2002; is that

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right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And through what entities did you do business with Google prior to September 2002?

A. Industrial Printing.

Q. And what is Industrial Printing?

A. Industrial Printing is a business that does -- it's CLRB, actually. It was a d/b -- a sole proprietorship that was sold to CLRB.

Q. Okay. Just so I understand, the entity that existed prior to September 2002 was known as what?

A. Industrial Printing.

Q. Okay. And what was the form of that entity?

A. Industrial Printing was a sole proprietorship.

Q. And who was the sole proprietor?

A. I was.

Q. And then in September 2002 what happened?

A. CLRB purchased assets of

1 B. Hanson

2 Industrial Printing.

3 Q. And was CLRB in existence prior
4 to September 2002?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. So it was formed specifically
7 for the purposes of purchasing those assets?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And other than the sole
10 proprietorship known as Industrial Printing
11 and the entity known as CLRB, have you done
12 business with Google through any other
13 entities?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what are those other
16 entities?

17 A. I've done -- I've done business
18 as a consultant on behalf of other entities.

19 Q. Could you explain that?

20 A. SECOA.

21 Q. You have to spell that name.

22 A. S-E-C-O-A, Inc.

23 Q. Okay. And what is SECOA, Inc.?

24 A. Secoa, Inc. is a stage
25 manufacturing firm located in Champlin,

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business with Google, had industrial printing
used any other on-line advertising services?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What were those?

A. The ones I can recall are Yahoo,
which was Overture, Ah-Ha. I think that may
have been the extent of the -- the extent of
them that I can recall.

Q. Okay. And what type of business
is Industrial Printing engaged in?

A. Printing services.

Q. What type of printing services?

A. Printing on three-dimensional
substrates.

Q. And is that the same type of
business that Hanson Industries is engaged
in?

A. I'm not sure of the full extent
of what Hanson Industries does.

Q. Does Hanson Industries do
printing on three-dimensional substrates?

A. I'm not sure if they do at this
point.

Q. And how about CLRB Hanson, does

1 B. Hanson

2 that do the same type of business that

3 Industrial Printing did?

4 A. No. At the present time CLRB is
5 strictly a web fulfillment company.

6 Q. And what's a web fulfillment
7 company?

8 A. We have a site that takes orders
9 for signage and places them with third
10 parties and collects a fee.

11 Q. And did CLRB Hanson ever do
12 printing on three-dimensional substrates?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When -- how long did it do that?

15 A. Three years.

16 Q. And when did it stop,
17 approximately?

18 A. September of 2005.

19 Q. Okay. And when you, through
20 Industrial Printing, first began to do
21 business with Google, could you describe the
22 process by which you established the
23 relationship with Google?

24 A. I found the web site for Google,
25 selected the -- the -- I think it was called

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13:45 2 matter what I changed the daily budget to, it
13:45 3 always went over.

13:45 4 Q. Okay. So it's fair to say you
13:45 5 came to that understanding sometime, say,
13:45 6 June 2005?

13:45 7 A. Yes.

13:45 8 Q. And with respect to Exhibits 39
13:45 9 and 38, the communications with Tina, did you
13:45 10 speak to her by phone?

13:45 11 A. I don't know if Google has
13:45 12 phones. No. E-mail.

13:45 13 Q. And have you ever spoken to
13:45 14 anyone at Google by telephone?

13:46 15 A. Recently, I believe, I received
13:46 16 a voicemail. In fact, on Monday, thanking us
13:46 17 for our business from a Matt. I don't know,
13:46 18 Matt something left on my voicemail.

13:46 19 Q. And anything other than that
13:46 20 communication?

13:46 21 A. Not that I can recall.

13:46 22 Q. I thought -- have you ever
13:46 23 spoken to anyone by phone or otherwise at
13:46 24 Google about daily budget issues?

13:46 25 A. I think I -- let me refresh my

1 B. Hanson

10:28 2 cards?

10:28 3 A. Yes, sir.

10:29 4 Q. Okay. Could you tell me the

10:29 5 names of the credit cards or identify the

10:29 6 credit cards. We can put that under seal so

10:29 7 it's -- no one else is going to look at it,

10:29 8 other than except for this litigation.

10:29 9 MR. LEVY: Just the names of the

10:29 10 cards?

10:29 11 MR. BIDERMAN: Just the names.

10:29 12 I was going to ask for the numbers

10:29 13 next. All right, I was going to ask.

10:29 14 A. I believe they're all identified

10:29 15 by the billing information contained on the

10:29 16 Google reports. I don't recall off the top

10:29 17 of my -- I don't recollect the names.

10:29 18 Q. How many credit cards have you

10:29 19 used, if you know?

10:29 20 A. I have no idea.

10:29 21 Q. More than four?

10:29 22 A. Possibly.

10:29 23 Q. More than 10?

10:29 24 A. Probably not.

10:30 25 Q. And other than through credit

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cards, have you ever paid for Google

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advertising in any other fashion?

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A. No, sir.

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Q. And do you remember --

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MR. BIDERMAN: Okay. Withdraw

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Q. When -- other than the one time

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that you signed up for the AdWords program in

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July 2002, have you ever signed up for the

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AdWords program again? In other words,

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established an account?

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A. Can you clarify how you're

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asking that question?

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Q. Sure. Did you go in there and

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basically start anew, registering a new

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e-mail address, providing new account

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information?

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A. Not that I can recall.

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Q. Just that one time?

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A. On behalf of CLRB?

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Q. Yes.

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Q. And it was really on behalf of

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Industrial Printing, and you're best

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with a daily budget of \$50 for Industrial

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Printing. Has that daily budget changed?

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A. I believe you have the records.

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Q. And how often has it changed?

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A. Sometimes change it three, four

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times a day.

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Q. And what has it varied from?

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A. Zero, turning off the campaign,

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suspending the campaign, to from -- to answer

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your specific question, zero to I think it's

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been as high as \$2,000 a day.

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Q. And what causes you to change

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your daily budget?

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A. Our -- our web logs that track

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traffic in correlation with the orders.

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week. Certain keywords. Whether we're going

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to continue in how the traffic is coming in

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from -- from MSN or Yahoo in correlation with

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our web logs and how that ties in. We've got

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a formula that we look at.

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Q. And because you advertise on MSN

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and Yahoo also; is that correct?

1 B. Hanson

11:01 2 A. Yes, sir.

11:01 3 Q. And other than MSN, Yahoo and

11:01 4 Google, any other on-line advertising that

11:01 5 you've used on behalf of Industrial Printing

11:01 6 or CLRB Hanson?

11:01 7 A. Industrybrains.com. Super

11:01 8 Pages, Verizon Super Pages. Mama, M-A-M-A,

11:02 9 dot com. Request. That's a pay per

11:02 10 impression.

11:02 11 MR. BIDERMAN: Did you get the

11:02 12 name?

11:02 13 THE REPORTER: Yes.

11:02 14 A. That's what I can recall.

11:02 15 Q. Then I'll show you as exhibit

11:02 16 next in order, Exhibit 24, which are -- is

11:03 17 Exhibit A1 to the complaint or amended

11:03 18 complaint in this case.

11:03 19 (Discussion off the record.)

11:03 20 (Exhibit No. 24, Exhibit A1 to

11:03 21 the amended complaint in this case,

11:03 22 marked for identification as of this

11:03 23 date.)

11:04 24 Q. Exhibit 24 are, as I

11:04 25 represented, exhibits to the amended

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14:26 2 A. Yes. I was seeing at this time
14:26 3 if there was an affiliate program that they
14:26 4 offered, yeah.

14:26 5 Q. And you were told that they
14:26 6 don't have one, nor do they plan to implement
14:26 7 one. Do you recall that?

14:26 8 A. Just whatever this e-mail back
14:26 9 from them says.

14:27 10 Q. There's a reference, if you look
14:27 11 under tab 64, to -- it's an e-mail from you
14:27 12 to Bethanie dated 7 December 2004?

14:27 13 A. Under 64?

14:27 14 Q. Yes, sir. It's under tab 64.

14:27 15 Do you see that reference or see
14:27 16 that e-mail string?

14:27 17 A. Yes.

14:27 18 Q. What was that e-mail string
14:27 19 involving?

14:27 20 A. This was a report, I believe,
14:27 21 that I sent to Bethanie to -- our log files
14:27 22 weren't matching with what Google was saying
14:27 23 the clicks were.

14:28 24 Q. Okay. And how were your log
14:28 25 files created?

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14:28 2 A. Well, they're created every
14:28 3 time -- our web sites are hosted on our
14:28 4 server, so when someone logs in, it tells us
14:28 5 who came to our site and where they came
14:28 6 from. And it wasn't matching with Google's,
14:28 7 and I had mentioned that to Google at that
14:28 8 time.

14:28 9 Q. Through this e-mail?

14:28 10 A. Right.

14:28 11 Q. And then what was -- what was
14:28 12 the ultimate conclusion of that inquiry?

14:28 13 A. I don't recall.

14:28 14 Q. Do you have -- have you ever
14:28 15 reached any conclusions one way or the other
14:28 16 about, quote, whether you're paying for
14:28 17 clicks that are not coming to your site?

14:28 18 A. We have not.

14:28 19 Q. And I understand, that's not
14:28 20 part of this -- you're not suing Google in
14:28 21 this lawsuit for that, are you?

14:29 22 A. No, sir.

14:29 23 Q. And if you look under tab 64,
14:29 24 there's a reference -- there's a call
14:29 25 summary -- I'm sorry, 66, there's a call

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14:29 2 summary of December 21, 2004, Bethanie
14:29 3 Santori. She has a 10-minute- 6-second call
14:29 4 with you on December 21. Do you recall
14:29 5 discussing -- having a discussion with her on
14:30 6 December 21, 2004?

14:30 7 A. Yes.

14:30 8 Q. And what was the substance of
14:30 9 that discussion?

14:30 10 A. I had ran into someone at Google
14:30 11 at a trade show, and questioned -- questioned
14:30 12 him about our click-through traffic and our
14:30 13 traffic, and he just kind of blew me off
14:30 14 like -- so I raised that. And raised the
14:30 15 concern of -- raised the concern about the
14:30 16 clicks that I thought were invalid coming
14:30 17 through on our account.

14:30 18 Our log files weren't matching
14:30 19 up -- separate from the over -- the budget
14:30 20 problem, our -- the clicks that were coming
14:30 21 through to our account weren't matching up to
14:30 22 our log files.

14:30 23 Q. And did you have any discussions
14:30 24 with either John or Bethanie during this time
14:31 25 period about daily budget issues?

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) ss.
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

4 I, Oscar Ventura, hereby certify:

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